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The Honorable Dean Heller United States Senate 324 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Heller:

I would like to express my support and appreciation for your introduction of the Jobs Originated through Launching Travel Act of 2015 (JOLT Act). This important piece of legislation will continue to place emphasis on the role travel and tourism plays in our nation's economy, as well as in the state of Nevada.

As you know, Nevada's economy relies significantly on travel and tourism and increasingly on international inbound travel. And as a state that hosted over 50 million visitors last year, it is important we continue to promote policy that enhances this industry. The JOLT Act will move the nation's travel visa process forward, streamlining efforts to increase both business and leisure travel to the United States. As a top travel destination, Nevada will benefit greatly from the new improvements and efficiencies outlined in this bill.

In Nevada, we continue to experience growth in and diversification of the travel and tourism industry. Through the collaborative efforts of our state tourism department, local tourism agencies and the thousands of statewide tourism industry partners, visitors are able to experience all parts of the Silver State. The addition of the international terminal at the McCarran International Airport and new international service at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport provide global travelers with enhanced access to Nevada, and the industry continues to seek new air service to boost opportunities to welcome international visitors. This contributes to Nevada's local and state economies and provides for hundreds of thousands of jobs statewide. Through legislation like the JOLT Act, travelers will find it easier to visit and return to their favorite Nevada destinations.

Again, I commend your efforts and work on behalf of the state, and pledge my support for the passage of this bill.

Sincere regards,

BRIAN SANDOVAL

Governor